

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5941  
AMEMBASSY CARACAS PRIORITY

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DEPARTMENT FOR SY AND ARA/MGT

CARACAS FOR RSO FROM PSO

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ASEC  
SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED ROBBERIES AT EMBASSY RESIDENCES

1. IN PAST TWO DAYS TWO ROBBERY ATTEMPTS HAVE OCCURRED IN EMBASSY LEASED RESIDENCES IN BEL AIR PARK SUBURB. ONE INCIDENT OCCURRED MIDMORNING AT RESIDENCE OF NCOIC AND WAS THWARTED BY GUARD AT ADJACENT HOUSE. SECOND ATTEMPT OCCURRED EARLY DAYLIGHT HOURS AT RESIDENCE OF TCU AND GUARD ON DUTY CHASED INTRUDER OUT OF YARD. PREVIOUS NIGHT UNOCCUPIED HOUSE IMMEDIATELY BEHIND TCU RESIDENCE WAS RANSACKED. THESE INCIDENTS HIGHLIGHT RECENT SERIOUS CRIME INCREASE IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS. ALTHOUGH NUMBERS OF INCIDENTS TEND TO RISE IN HOLIDAY PERIOD, ONE RESULT OF CURRENT POLICE CAMPAIGN TO COMBAT STREET CRIME ("CHOKE AND ROB") WITHIN CITY HAS BEEN TO FORCE THIEVES INTO SUBURBS DRIVING CRIME RATE THERE EVEN HIGHER.

2. BEL AIR PARK IS ONE OF HARDEST HIT AREAS TO DATE. EMBASSY HAS SIX LEASED RESIDENCES WITHIN 3 BLOCK RADIUS OF BEL AIR PARK, FOUR OF THEM OCCUPIED BY SINGLE PERSONNEL WHOSE RESIDENCES ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE  
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TO DAYTIME THEFT ATTEMPTS. EMPLOYEES ARE UNDERSTANDABLY NERVOUS OVER CURRENT SITUATION.

3. PSO HAS DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH LOCAL POLICE AND CONTRACT SECURITY GUARD SERVICE (GEB) AND IS REVIEWING RESIDENTIAL SECURITY NEEDS AND ADEQUACY OF SECURITY GUARD COVERAGE. AS TEMPORARY MEASURE, POST HAS ARRANGED WITH

GEB FOR ONE DAYTIME ROVING GUARD TO AUGMENT NIGHTLY  
COVERAGE AT SIX RESIDENCES IN THIS CURRENTLY INSECURE  
AREA. POST BELIEVES THIS GUARD WILL BE USEFUL AS DETERRENT,  
TO SPOT LOITERERS AND POTENTIAL TROUBLEMAKERS, AND HIS  
PRESENCE WILL BOOST MORALE OF EMPLOYEES AT SMALL COST.  
HOURLY RATE OF GUARD IS G\$2.40 FOR DAILY COST OF US\$11.32.  
SERVICE WILL BE UTILIZED ONLY AS LONG AS PRESENT THREAT  
EXISTS. ADVICE AND COMMENTS FROM RSO AND ARA/MGT  
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